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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct
a northern border threat analysis, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Northern Border Secu-
3 rity Review Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. NORTHERN BORDER THREAT ANALYSIS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-
7 land Security shall submit to the appropriate congres-
8 sional committees a Northern Border threat analysis that
9 includes—

10 (1) current and potential terrorism and crimi-
11 nal threats posed by individuals and organized
12 groups seeking to—

13 (A) enter the United States through the
14 Northern Border; or

15 (B) exploit border vulnerabilities along the
16 Northern Border;

17 (2) improvements needed at and between ports
18 of entry along the Northern Border to—

19 (A) prevent terrorists and instruments of
20 terror from entering the United States; and

21 (B) reduce criminal activity, as measured
22 by the total flow of illegal goods, illicit drugs,
23 and smuggled and trafficked persons moved in
24 either direction across the Northern Border;

25 (3) gaps in law, policy, cooperation between
26 State, local, and tribal law enforcement, inter-

1 national agreements, or tribal agreements that
2 hinder effective and efficient border security,
3 counter-terrorism, anti-human smuggling and traf-
4 ficking efforts, and the flow of legitimate trade along
5 the Northern Border; and

6 (4) an analysis of whether additional U.S. Cus-
7 toms and Border Protection preclearance and pre-in-
8 spection operations at ports of entry along the
9 Northern Border could help prevent terrorists and
10 instruments of terror from entering the United
11 States.

12 (b) ANALYSIS REQUIREMENTS.—For the threat anal-
13 ysis required under subsection (a), the Secretary of Home-
14 land Security shall consider and examine—

15 (1) technology needs and challenges;

16 (2) personnel needs and challenges;

17 (3) the role of State, local, and tribal law en-
18 forcement in general border security activities;

19 (4) the need for cooperation among Federal,
20 State, local, tribal, and Canadian law enforcement
21 entities relating to border security; and

22 (5) the terrain, population density, and climate
23 along the Northern Border.

24 (c) CLASSIFIED THREAT ANALYSIS.—To the extent
25 possible, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit

1 the threat analysis required under subsection (a) in un-
2 classified form. The Secretary may submit a portion of
3 the threat analysis in classified form if the Secretary de-
4 termines such is appropriate.

5 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
7 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
8 mittees” means—

9 (A) the Committee on Homeland Security
10 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

11 (B) the Committee on Appropriations of
12 the Senate;

13 (C) the Committee on Homeland Security
14 of the House of Representatives; and

15 (D) the Committee on Appropriations of
16 the House of Representatives.

17 (2) NORTHERN BORDER.—The term “Northern
18 Border” means the land and maritime borders be-
19 tween the United States and Canada.

Passed the House of Representatives October 28,
2015.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.